第４講　私大英語　長文演習②

ポイント

【1】具体例の発見
【2】追加の発見
【3】抽象の発見

次の英文を読んで，下記の設問に答えよ。

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One reason for lying has to do with minimizing a mistake. While it is true that everyone makes mistakes from time to time, some people do not have the courage to admit their errors because they fear the blame. For example, students might lie to their teachers about unfinished homework. (イ)They might say that they left their work at home when, in fact, they did not do the work at all. These students do not want to seem irresponsible, so they make up an excuse — a lie — to save face.

NOTE

Another reason people lie is to get out of situations that they do not want to be in or cannot manage. For example, if a company decides to have a weekend meeting, one of the managers might not feel like attending. She may call her boss and give this excuse: “I’ve been fighting off a cold all week, and I wouldn’t want to risk giving it to anybody else. I’ll be sure to get all of the notes on Monday.” When individuals do not want to tell the truth and face the consequences, they use lies to avoid difficulties.

In contrast, some people might tell a “white lie” when they do not want to hurt someone’s feelings. For example, if a good friend shows up with an unattractive new haircut, one could be truthful and say, “That haircut is awful. What were you thinking?!” A more likely scenario is to say, “It’s very original! It suits you,” and spare the friend’s feelings. These types of lies are generally not considered negative or wrong. In fact, many people who have told the truth to those they love, only to see the negative reaction, wish they *had* told a white lie. Therefore, white lies can be useful in (3)maintaining good relationships.

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NOTE

1. 下線部（1），（2），（3）に代わる語句として最も適切なものを選択肢から選びなさい。

（1）virtue

A. cost　B. spirit　C. value　D. vice

（2）lead to

A. result from　B. result in　C. run across　D. run into

（3）maintaining

A. constructing　B. fixing　C. improving　D. preserving

2. 空所（　4　）に入る最も適切なものを選択肢から選びなさい。

A. cause　B. conceal　C. prevent　D. promote

3. 第 1，2 パラグラフの内容と一致するものを選択肢から**二つ**選びなさい。

A. The lesson that children take from the stories of Pinocchio and the boy who "cried wolf," as well as the tale of young George Washington, is the importance of being honest.

B. There would be no lying if people knew that "honesty is the best policy."

C. One reason for lying is related to trying to make one's mistakes as small or as unimportant as possible.

D. Only those who lack courage can admit the mistakes they make occasionally.

E. Students who have not finished their homework confess to their teachers, in order to avoid punishment.

4. 第 3，4 パラグラフの内容と一致するものを選択肢から**二つ**選びなさい。

A. A company manager who does not want to attend a weekend meeting may tell her boss on the phone that she has fully recovered from a cold but needs a few more days of rest.

B. If you say, “That haircut is awful,” to a good friend of yours who appears with a new haircut that you don’t find attractive, it means you are telling a white lie.

C. By telling your friend that their awful haircut suits them, you are telling a white lie to avoid hurting their feelings.

D. White lies are disapproved of by most people.

E. Many people regret having told the truth, rather than a white lie, to those they love.

5. 第 5，6 パラグラフの内容と一致するものを選択肢から一つ選びなさい。

A. People often lie about how to protect themselves.

B. Children may be taught to lie in order to protect their parents.

C. If a person children don’t know appears when the parents are not at home, the children should immediately let them know by phone.

D. When you think you have to lie, it might be better to carefully consider the reasons for doing so.

6. 下線部（イ），（ロ）を和訳しなさい。

第４講 私大英語 長文演習② 解答

＜解答＞

1.（1）C　　（2）B　　（3）D

2. C

3. A, C

4. C, E

5. D

6.（イ）彼らは，実際には宿題をまったくやっていないときに，家に宿題を忘れてきたと言うかもしれない。

（ロ）あなたの嘘がある日暴かれて，ひどく気まずい思いをしたり，人からの信頼を失ったりするかもしれない。

＜全訳＞

ほとんどの子どもが，おとぎ話や他の物語から正直であることの美徳を教えられる。操り人形として人生を始めるピノキオの有名な物語は，真実を言うことの重要性を教えてくれる。ピノキオが嘘をつくたびに，彼の鼻はますます長くなる。「狼だと叫ん」ですべての羊を失った少年に関する別の物語は，嘘がどのように信頼を損なうことにつながるかを例証する。アメリカでは，サクラの木を切り倒したことを最終的に，父親に認める若き日のジョージ・ワシントンの話を，幼い子どもたちは学ぶ。こうした種類の物語は，子どもたちに「正直が最良の策だ」ということを示す。それにしても，もしこれが真実なら，なぜこんなに多くの人が嘘をつくのか。実は，人間が嘘をつくのには，多くの理由がある。

嘘をつく理由の一つは，間違いを最小限にすることと関係がある。確かに，みんながときに間違いを犯すが，責められるのを恐れて，間違いを認める勇気がない人もいる。例えば，学生はまだ終えていない宿題に関して教師に嘘をつくかもしれない。彼らは，実際にはまったく宿題をやっていないときに，家に宿題を忘れてきたと言うかもしれない。これらの学生は，無責任に思われたくないので，面子（メンツ）を守るために，言い訳，すなわち嘘をでっちあげる。

人が嘘をつくもう一つの理由は，陥りたくない，あるいはうまく対処できない状況から逃げ出すためだ。例えば，ある会社が週末に会議を開くことを決めて，マネージャーの一人が参加したくないとしよう。彼女は上司に電話して，このような言い訳

をするかもしれない。「一週間ずっと風邪と戦っているのですが，他の人にうつすリスクを冒したくありません。月曜日にその会議録を必ずすべて読みますので。」人は真実を言って，その影響に直面したくないときに，困難を避けるために嘘を利用する。

対照的に，誰かの感情を傷つけたくないときに，「善意の嘘」を言う人もいるかもしれない。例えば，もし仲の良い友人がさえない新しい髪型で現れたら，真実に沿って，「その髪型はひどいね。何を考えていたの？」と言うかもしれない。もっと可能性のあるシナリオなら，「それはとても独創的だね，似合うよ。」と言って，友人の感情を害するのを避けるだろう。こうした種類の嘘は，一般的によくないとも間違っているともみなされない。実際に，大切な人に真実を言ってマイナスの反応を目にすることになった多くの人が，善意の嘘を言っておけばよかったと思う。それゆえ，善意の嘘は，良い関係を維持するのに役立つことがある。

嘘をつくまたちょっと別の理由は，自己防衛に関わるものだ。特に小さな子どもがいる親は，ある状況下で，子どもにこの種の「防衛の」ための嘘を使うように教えるかもしれない。親がいないときに，見知らぬ人から電話があったら子どもはどうすべきか。多くの親が，子どもに母親と父親は忙しくて，今電話に出られないと言うように教える。この状況では，防衛の嘘が危害や災難を防いでくれる。

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第４講　重要語彙リスト　　＊一つ一つ何度も繰り返して，覚えてください

1	virtue	美徳
2	honesty	正直さ
3	fairy tale	おとぎ話
4	puppet	操り人形
5	every time SV,	S が V するたびに
6	illustrate	例証する
7	lead to	～につながる
8	admit	認める
9	cut down	切り倒す
10	be the case	真実である
11	have to do with	～と関係がある
12	minimize	最小限にする
13	from time to time	時々
14	courage	勇気
15	blame	非難
16	irresponsible	無責任な
17	make up	でっちあげる
18	excuse	言い訳
19	save face	面子を守る
20	feel like doing	～したい気がする
21	fight off	(病気など)を克服する
22	consequence	影響
23	in contrast	対照的に
24	white lie	善意の嘘
25	show up	現れる
26	awful	ひどい
27	original	独創的な
28	suit	～に合う
29	spare	危害を与えない
30	generally	一般的に
31	reaction	反応
32	maintain	維持する
33	relationship	関係
34	somewhat	いくらか
35	circumstance	状況
36	stranger	見知らぬ人
37	disaster	災害，災難
38	resort to	～に頼る
39	expose	暴露する
40	embarrassment	当惑

第４講 音読用白文 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

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